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TITLE OF INVENTION PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR DETERMINING THE ACTIVITY OF ENZYMES IN LIQUIDS, OR THE CONCENTRATION AND/OR ACTIVITY OF INHIBITORS IN LIQUIDS

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

William H. Beisner

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicants' communication dated 18 Aug. 2000.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 29-80.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 May 1999 are acceptable.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
 1. ☐ received.
 2. ☒ received in Application No. (Series Code / Serial Number). 08/793,833.
 3. ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).

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6. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. ☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
 - (a) ☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review(PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
 - (d) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____ |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____ | 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Page 5, lines 28 and 29, have been replaced with the following text:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

FIG. 1 illustrates schematically the sequence of the arrangement according to this invention.

FIG. 2 is a graph showing the activity of cathepsin B in various samples.

FIG. 3 is a graph showing the amount of protein in various samples.

FIG. 4 is a graph showing the activity of cathepsin B in various samples.

FIG. 5 is a graph showing the activity of cathepsin H in various samples.

FIG. 6 is a graph showing the activity of cathepsin L in various samples.

FIG. 7 is a graph showing the amount of protein of two samples per unit of time.

FIG. 8 is a survival graph showing the activity of cathepsin H of two samples.


FIG. 9 is representation of device for a quick test.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William H. Beisner whose telephone number is (703) 308-4006. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:40 AM to 4:10 PM, alternate Mondays off..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert J. Warden can be reached on (703) 308-2920. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-7718 for regular communications and (703) 305-3599 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.


William H. Beisner
Primary Examiner
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August 28, 2000

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